

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, and 11 have been rejected. Claims 12-18 are allowed. Claims 4 and 7-9 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3, and 6 herewith are amended. Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims presently active are, therefore claims 1, 3, and 5 to 20. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner's comments together with the cited reference have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have made amendments to the claims in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action. These amendments are deemed to now conform the claims to the requirements of the rules.

Relying on 35 U.S.C. §102(b), the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-6, and 10-11 as being anticipated by CAPLUS 1969: 114866.

The limitations of claim 4, objected to, have been incorporated into claim 1 and, accordingly, claim 1 and the claims dependent there from should be allowable. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the present claims are all now believed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

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